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OTTAWA PLEASE PASS TO USNATO AMBASSADOR BENNETT

E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: NATO DEFENSE INITIATIVES; DEFAD DISCUSSION  
WITH DSYG PANSA

REF: (A) USNATO 4728 (DTG 042020Z JUN 77), (B) STATE  
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1. DEFENSE ADVISOR CALLED ON DSYG PANSA AND NATO FORCE  
PLANNING DIRECTOR BRABAND JUNE 6 TO DISCUSS FOLLOW-UP TO  
NATO LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM. NOTING THE UNPRECEDENTED  
SCOPE OF THE PROGRAMMING TASK AHEAD, WE PROMISED FULL  
SUPPORT TO PANSA IN HIS CAPACITY AS EWG CHAIRMAN. WE  
REQUESTED AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE TEXT OF THE REVISED  
P.O. ON FOLLOW-UP BEFORE IT BECOMES FINAL AND IS CIRCULATED  
AS A DPC DOCUMENT. WE ALSO UNDERLINED OUR DESIRE FOR EWG  
AT LEAST TO BEGIN REVIEWING DETAILED TERMS OF REFERENCE  
(TORS) BY JULY 1, AND OUR WISH FOR A REINFORCED EWG MEETING  
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IN MID-JULY (REF A).

2. IN RESPONSE, PANSA SAID HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO  
CHAIRING THIS IMPORTANT AND EXCITING EFFORT. HE HOPED  
THE U.S. WOULD PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE TASK FORCES, AND  
STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRM EWG MANAGEMENT GUIDANCE  
TO INSURE REASONABLE PROGRAMS. DEFAD REPLIED THAT

WASHINGTON IS WORKING HARD ON DETAILED CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE LONG-TERM PROGRAMS. (COMMENT: WE THINK IT ADVISABLE TO PROVIDE ALL AVAILABLE DETAIL TO ASSIST TASK FORCE DIRECTORS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, EVEN IF IT IS INCOMPLETE, RATHER THAN WAITING FOR MID-SUMMER (PARA 4, REF B). END COMMENT.)

3. REGARDING THE LONG-TERM PROGRAM'S TREATMENT OF ANTI-ARMOR, PANSA WONDERED WHETHER IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY, RATHER THAN AS PART OF READINESS. DEFAD AND BRABAND REPLIED THAT THE EWG COULD DISCUSS THIS, BUT THAT SINCE THE READINESS PROGRAM WOULD FOCUS LARGELY ON CRITICAL DEFICIENCIES RELEVANT TO THE INITIAL PHASES OF A CONFLICT, ANTI-ARMOR IMPROVEMENTS PROBABLY BELONGED AS PART OF THIS PROGRAM; BESIDES, THEY NOTED, ADDING A NEW AREA WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE GOING BACK TO THE DPC, WHICH SHOULD BE AVOIDED AT THIS TIME.

4. PANSA ASKED WHERE THE MARITIME PROGRAM SHOULD BE DEVELOPED: NORFOLK OR BRUSSELS? DEFAD REPLIED THAT ADMIRAL KIDD'S PREFERENCE PROBABLY SHOULD BE CONTROLLING, AND THAT WE SUSPECTED HE WOULD OPT TO ACCOMPLISH THE PROGRAM IN HIS OWN HEADQUARTERS, COORDINATING WITH OTHER MARITIME COMMANDERS AND COMMUNICATING RESULTS TO BRUSSELS.

5. PANSA STRESSED THE NEED TO AVOID AN AD-70-STYLE PAPERWORK EXERCISE BY DESIGNING EFFECTIVE AND REALISTIC PROGRAMS WHICH INCORPORATE RESOURCE AVAILABILITY. WE SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH TASK FORCE DIRECTORS MUST BE GIVEN SOME RESOURCE LATITUDE, REALISTIC RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS

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MUST BE RECOGNIZED.

6. IN CLOSING, PANSA TOLD US THAT HE PLANS TO CONVENE A MEETING OF KEY TASK FORCE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING THOSE FROM MNC HEADQUARTERS, ON JUNE 9 OR 10, AND HAD TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED THE FIRST EWG MEETING FOR JUNE 16. STREATOR

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